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SUBJECT: TAKEOVER OF SINAI OIL FIELDS

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- 1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MOBIL REPS HERE CONCERNING POINTS RAISED REFTEL. WITH REGARD TO TIMING OF ENTRY OF MOBIL TECHNICIANS INTO OIL FIELDS, MOBIL INTENDS TO HOLD OFF DECISION UNTIL THERE IS CLEARER INDICATION OF ISRAELI INTENTIONS ABOUT LINKAGE BETWEEN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF U.S. PRESENCE IN SINAI AND TIMETABLE FOR WITHDRAWAL. DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MOBIL ON THIS SCORE.
- 2. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH SUGGESTION PARA 4 REFTEL THAT MOBIL SHOULD ASK EGYPTIANS TO CONTACT UNEF TO ASSURE ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR AMERICANS ENTERING SINAI OIL FIELDS ON EGYPTIAN BEHALF.
- 3. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT MOBIL ASK EGYPTIANS TO BRIEF THEM CONFIDENTIAL

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ON AGREEMENTS REACHED IN GENEVA CONCERNING THE PROTOCOL AND

THE AGREED STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN, INSOFAR AS THEY RELATE TO UNDERSTANDINGS THAT MOBIL TECHNICIANS SHOULD BE AWARE OF IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR DUTIES.

4. FYI: ABOVE GUIDANCE WILL SERVE LIMITED PURPOSES OF YOUR THURSDAY MEETING. HOWEVER, WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE ARE THINKING HERE ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE THE SCHEDULED MOVE OF THE TECHNICIANS ON OCTOBER 5 IF CONGRESS HAS NOT ACTED. WE ARE CONSIDERING WHETHER WE NEED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE ISRAELIS HERE OR WHETHER PERHAPS MOBIL SHOULD ESTABLISH SOME CONTACT OF ITS OWN. HOWEVER, YOU WILL NOT WANT TO GO INTO THIS IN YOUR THURSDAY MEETING EXCEPT TO MAKE POINT IN PARA ONE ABOVE. WE SIMPLY WANT YOU TO KNOW WE RECOGNIZE THIS IS A PROBLEM AND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AS NECESSARY. MEANWHILE, WE WOULD WELCOME ANY THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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